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## Two students get jail time for off-campus assault

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Don't do the crime if you can't do the time was the lesson several SSU students learned Dec. 1, when six were charged and two received jail time for beating two other students at an off campus party at the 500 block of Washington Street in December 1997.

Ross Gerald Haeratter, 21, and Randy Thomas Ricker, 22, both plead guilty to second degree assault and were sentenced by Judge D. William Simpson to four years incarceration with three years suspended. The other four men were charged with lesser offenses. The early morning fight put Jeffrey Maracut in the hospital with a collapsed lung, broken ribs and two teeth cracked in half.

The second victim, Ryan Paquin, was not seriously injured. The fight erupted when Paquin became involved in an altercation in the house. The fight moved outside and Maracut

was injured when he attempted to break up the fight and was struck along side the head and lost consciousness.

Witnesses say he was kicked as he lay on the ground. The defense attorney for Ricker told the judge that Haeratter later bragged about the steel tipped boot he was wearing at the time.

Defense attorneys said the fight was the sad result of a "drunken brawl," but Judge Simpson said Maracut's injuries suggested an assault far more severe than anything that could be explained away by alcohol.

"This isn't a drunken brawl. That's an attack. This kind of conduct in this community cannot be tolerated-whether you're a college student or someone else," Simpson added.

Ricker has been suspended from SSU while Haeratter awaits disciplinary action from the University. The judicial system at SSU typically does not deal with off campus violations unless the charges are very serious, according to Barry King, assistant vice president of student affairs and

university judicial administrator.

Despite this recent court case and the recent complaints about off campus parties on Camden Avenue, (see *The Flyer* November 25, 1997) King says he does not feel this is in any way usual conduct for SSU students.

Based on his travels to campuses across the country, King says SSU students generally display outstanding behavior on and off campus.

This view is supported by the Salisbury City Police and other law enforcement agencies. Calls to all of the local agencies revealed no complaints as to the behavior of SSU students off campus in general.

Although none of the agencies track whether a crime is committed by a student at SSU or someone else, the general comments of the police officers questioned were that they hadn't noticed any particular crime problem that could be attributed to students of the University.

Although unable to comment on the specific cases of Ricker and

Haeratter, King pointed out that procedures for University judicial action are detailed in the *SSU Student Handbook*.

According to the *Handbook*, the judicial system has jurisdiction over violations of policies published in the *Undergraduate Catalog*, the Code of Conduct and other official University publications. The Code of Conduct covers assault and battery and considers the violation subject to severe judicial sanctioning, including suspension or expulsion.

Students subject to judicial proceedings have the right to procedural due process, the right to council by an attorney or advocate and the right to appeal. The hearing body may impose disciplinary sanctions including fines for damage, suspension or expulsion.

According to some SSU students, the real concern about off campus violence is not the University Judicial System, but the possibility of actual jail time, a criminal record or time in the hospital.

## Administration's vision for Commons needs money

Kate Montero  
Flyer Staff Writer

Budget cuts have forced the Commons to exclude technology for the building and created opposing views across the campus.

After becoming familiar with the Commons, SSU President William

C. Merwin noted its potential. "Now I will never look at that building in the same way. It's electrically wired for the 21st century," he said.

With its capability to handle 16 microphones, Merwin discussed possibilities for the conference level of the Commons to hold town meetings, be a television studio or even accommodate distance learning. Merwin also said the Bistro, one of the dining halls in the Commons, is wired for the possibility of being a dinner theater.

Despite the administration's optimism, Event Services Director of Conference Planning Anthony Broadbent called his involvement in planning the Commons a frustration. When the building went over budget, Broadbent saw money for technology, that would further enhance the

Commons, being cut out.

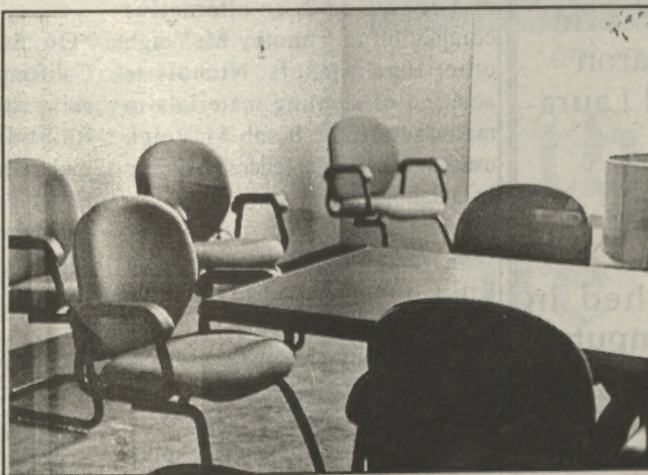
"This school is really behind on multi-media, and for the school to make money, we need those things," Broadbent said.

Broadbent was especially

the conference center is big enough for the conferences held by SSU. Director of Conference Planning Edward Vickers said the conference center is too small to accommodate some groups. However, Vickers does not see this as a problem. By combining the Guerrieri University Center with the Commons, Vickers sees a give and take relationship.

"We think about what steps we are going to take to combine the two buildings," Vickers said. Both buildings can be used for the conferences either separately or in combination depending on the capacity that is needed and if the group wants food service, according to Vickers

Junior Joshua Knapp, a former catering employee, said that when he see **COMMONS**, page 3



The Flyer/ Erin Riesner

A conference upstairs in the Commons lacks equipment needed to maximize its technological capabilities.

disappointed with the completed conference level of the Commons. "It was supposed to hold 150 people easily. Now 90 people are elbow to elbow," said Broadbent.

Merwin said that he feels that

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## Public Safety addresses concerns of pedestrians and drivers

**Brent Bozman**  
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SSU Public Safety officials have recently taken steps designed to make the parking lot located next to the Commons building safer.

The Commons parking lot currently holds 91 staff parking spots, 180 student parking spots for residents with blue permits and 8 handicap spaces. The combination of the normal car traffic in the lot with the increased foot traffic from students going to and from the Commons building has led to increased congestion inside the lot.

While there have been no reports of accidents in the Commons lot, SSU Director of

Public Safety James Phillips said Public Safety has received numerous complaints from motorists and pedestrians. In response to these complaints, the department created a crosswalk for pedestrians to cross the lot at its entrance.

The department also installed a speed bump at the entrance of the lot last week. According to Phillips, the department removed the speed bump on Thursday after motorists told the department that the speed bump was too high and could cause damage to cars entering the lot.

Phillips said that the speed bump had been effective in slowing cars down and making drivers more aware of pedestrians. A smaller speed bump will be installed next

week to slow traffic without causing possible damage to cars.

While the department does not have any further plans for the Commons lot, Phillips added that traffic signs may be a possibility if student concerns about safety continue.

Phillips said that many motorists have complained about pedestrians crossing the parking lot diagonally instead of using the sidewalks or crosswalks. While students who park in the lot must cross it, Phillips stressed that students going to and from the Commons should use the sidewalks as much as possible.

"[Using the sidewalks] would lessen the danger to pedestrians and speed up traffic flow in the lot," said Phillips.

## In case you missed it

### National

\*On Monday, Dec. 1, a 14-year-old boy in West Paducah, Ky. killed three girls and wounded six other students in a high school lobby following a prayer meeting. The gunman had warned friends and classmates a week earlier that "something big was going to happen."

\*On Tuesday Dec. 2, the prosecution rested in the Terry Nichols bombing case. Defense lawyers immediately began their case, which focuses on the premise of a John Doe 2, an alternative companion to Timothy McVeigh other than Nichols. Nichols is accused of stealing materials to manufacture the bomb McVeigh used to blow up a federal building in Oklahoma City.

\*On Wednesday, Dec. 3, President Bill Clinton signed legislation authorizing the treasury to create new gold-colored dollar coins and quarters. The new coins will replace the Susan B. Anthony dollar when government stockpiles run out in 30 months.

\*On Wednesday, Dec. 3, Attorney General Janet Reno rejected demands to form an independent counsel to investigate telephone fund raising by President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore. Her decision angered many Congressional Republicans and Director of the FBI Louis J. Freeh.

\*On Thursday, Dec. 4, a study announced that Washington D.C. and Baltimore, Md. have two of the lowest life expectancies in the country. Only a region in South Dakota, which encompasses a Sioux Indian reservation, has a lower life expectancy rate.

\*On Saturday, Dec. 6, South California was soaked with heavy rains strengthened by El Nino. Rainfall totals ranged from 1.5 inches to 4.5 inches. The Pacific Coast Highway was closed temporarily due to fears of mud slides.

### Local

\*Last week, the Centre at Salisbury revealed a new security system with 55 security cameras. Macerich Co., which owns the mall, installed new security systems at all their

facilities. Officials of Macerich claim the system is ten times better than what most malls have. Cameras are located at entrances, common and service areas and parking lots.

\*On Wednesday, Dec. 3, the Salisbury City Council backed away from a proposed juvenile curfew after statistics revealed a curfew would not be justified. Only 17 percent of juvenile crimes occur during the 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. period that the proposed curfew would be in effect.

\*On Monday, Dec. 1, a Conrail train derailed just south of Delmar. Approximately 900 gallons of diesel fuel were spilled onto the ground during the accident. Maryland Department of the Environment specialists were called in to clean up the spill.

\*This week, members of the Maryland State Board of Education plan to meet to consider plans for required exams to graduate high school. State Superintendent Nancy Grasmick proposes practice tests to begin in January 1999, with mandatory testing to begin in 2000. Ultimately students would be required to pass 10 to 12 tests.

## Students can cash in with new tax plan

**Mike Andersen**  
Flyer Staff Writer

Under a new federal law that takes effect January 1, students at SSU will pay significantly less on their taxes, because college tuition is now deductible. Many, but not all, students can expect to see a savings of up to \$1,500 annually as part of the federal budget compromise of August 1997.

President Clinton's much touted HOPE Scholarship gives students up to \$1,500 in a tax credit when starting college. SSU students will receive a 100 percent tax credit for the first \$1,000 of tuition and required fees

and a 50 percent credit on the next \$1,000, according to information provided by the U.S. Department of Education (DOE). This credit is phased out for couples who file jointly and who have adjusted gross incomes between \$80,000 to \$100,000.

The Lifelong tax relief plan was also part of the tax reduction package, and was strongly supported by Congressional Republicans. The plan, which provides tax relief for taxpayers in every stage of life, is targeted to adults returning to school. This plan provides a 20 percent tax credit for the first \$5,000 of tuition and required fees and for the first \$10,000 thereafter, according to DOE information. Lifelong

tax relief plans are phased out at the same income levels as the HOPE Scholarships.

This education tax relief plan has been supported locally. Congressman Wayne Gilchrest (R-MD), who represents the First District, including all of Maryland's Eastern Shore, favored the tax credits. He said, "[I] favor anything that provides an incentive for people to further their education." He continued, "One of the things that Congress can do [to ensure access to higher education] is to provide an avenue for people to make college more affordable. One of those things is tuition tax credits."

The tuition tax breaks have had an effect at SSU. The University delayed mailing the Spring 1998 semester bills to parents so payment could be deducted under the new law. SSU President William Merwin sent a letter home to parents advising them to delay sending their payment until after the tax cuts take effect Jan. 1.

SSU Vice President of Student Affairs Carol Williamson is not as confident as others have been that the new tax breaks will positively affect students, parents and families. She said, "It really is too early in the existence of the tax credits for me to know whether to feel positive or negative about the impact on students or [the] University."

## Commons technological facilities are underused

COMMONS, from front page

thought that new conference centers in the Commons would allow on campus catering to use the Commons as their headquarters.

"However, the Commons can only accommodate smaller groups, so with larger groups catering has to move them back to Guerrieri which was where the original problem came from," Knapp said.

The National Conference on Undergraduate Research will be held all across campus on April 23-25. Merwin said that this large conference will test the capacity of the Commons, which is the headquarters for the conference. Merwin said, "SSU would not be in the running for this conference if not for this building."

Interim Director of Dining Services Carmen DiSylvestro stressed that the Commons is for the students first. "We never want to displace the student," DiSylvestro said.

DiSylvestro said the new dining facility in the Commons was designed to accommodate what students said they wanted. "This building was driven by tremendous student input. What we see is what they had directed us in," DiSylvestro said.

However, Broadbent expressed concern over seating availability in the Commons. There are about 100 more seats in the Commons than there were in the Ruth Powell Dining Hall to accommodate the projected 3 percent growth in student population over the next five years.

Knapp, who frequently uses the dining facilities, said, "The main dining room is big, but it's useless because no one knows what it's for."

Knapp expressed a communications problem existing between the Commons administration and the students, which is exactly what DiSylvestro wants to prevent. "Everything we do is to service the students," DiSylvestro said.

Besides featuring academic services, the Commons is also meant to generate revenue during the non-academic session, according to DiSylvestro. "This revenue," DiSylvestro said, "will help keep prices down for students."

However, Broadbent feels that the Commons cannot produce adequate revenue for SSU because of budget cuts to the technology of the building.

Everyone seems to agree that the Commons has an infrastructure with state of the art wiring, but without

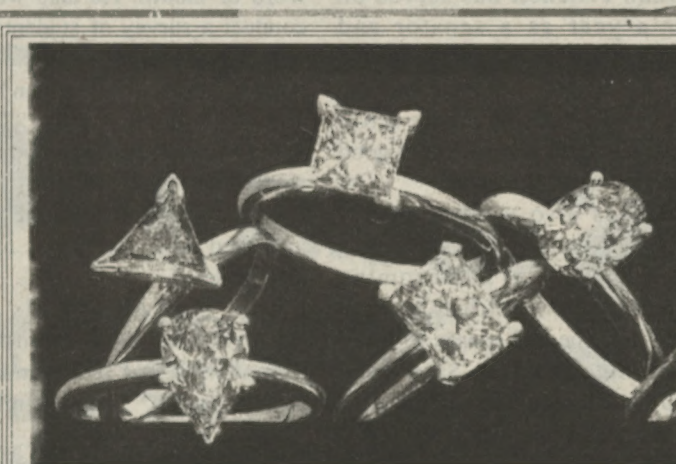
equipment to connect these wires, Broadbent feels that the future of the Commons in relation to the development of SSU is unsure.

"I hope the administration puts some money into the Commons to get money out, or else it's just a bunch of dining halls," Broadbent said.

The Commons was built using a \$20 millions bond that is partially being paid by a \$10 increase in student

fees. Merwin is optimistic that the Commons will live up to expectations because of the building's flexibility. "We have to figure out its capabilities for ourselves," Merwin said.

Assistant to the President Karin E. Johnson feels that the Commons is a building for the students, and she hopes that students will come up with new ideas to boost future success of the Commons.



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# SGA elections show little competition

David Ferrera  
News Editor

For the first time in several years, the Student Government Association elections are being contested. The position of President, being vacated by senior Doug Zwiselberg, has two candidates running.

Junior John Pritchett is the only candidate to appear on the ballot because

he submitted his nomination form on time. His challenger, junior Bryan Goodman, decided late to run for President and as a result is campaigning as a write-in candidate.

According to Liz Mariner, SGA executive vice-president, as long as a person meets the eligibility requirements they are allowed to run as a write-in candidate. If they win the election, the candidate then must accept or decline the position.

Other possible candidates were discouraged from running for President, according to junior Senator Phil Campbell. Campbell said he had considered running until he was approached by outgoing members of the executive board. They told Campbell that they had already begun introducing Pritchett as President to parts of the campus community.

This may be part of the reason why the other four executive board

positions are running unopposed as Campbell said he was not the only potential candidate influenced not to run.

In the Senate, there is competition among the freshman. Eight candidates are vying for six positions. The nominees for senators of other classes are unchallenged.

## Presidential candidates vie for student votes

David Ferrera  
News Editor



The Flyer/Courtesy of John Pritchett  
John Pritchett

John Pritchett has served on SGA for a year as a senator and Secretary of the Senate. He initially got involved with SGA because he had witnessed some friends who were active in SGA and decided it would be a good way to help out and be a leader.

He has also worked on the Homecoming Steering Committee as well as the SGA's homecoming activities coordinator. Pritchett has also contributed his time and energy to many SGA committees such as Safe Ride, Earth Day celebration, Library Improvement and Computer problems.

His committee work has helped to shape the three key issues Pritchett seeks to address if elected. First, he feels the library resources need improvement. "We have VICTOR, but we lack other materials which causes students undue stress when they go looking for something and can't find it," he said.

Second, Pritchett wants to resolve the problems plaguing the computer labs. He hopes to work with Information Technology Services to end the server crashes and improve the erratic performance of the software.

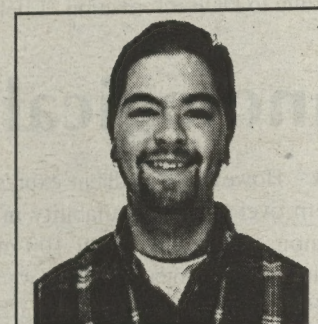
Finally, he seeks to improve communication between the SGA and student organizations. Pritchett's ideas included a calendar of events to be held by registered student organizations and making General Assembly meetings more informative.

Pritchett sees an opportunity to use SGA senators as people to take information back to students through word of mouth. He also would like to conduct a survey of students on certain issues to have more concrete evidence of student concerns rather than hearsay.

Pritchett said, "The student link has been damaged and needs to be repaired." While he has seen improvements the last three years he has attended SSU, he hopes to take it to another level.

He views his role as representing the students first and foremost. "Even if this means butting heads with the administration sometimes," Pritchett said.

Pritchett emphasized the need for progress. He said that he is connected to the student body and the only candidate 100 percent committed to the process. He said his commitment is what qualifies him as the candidate deserving the voters' support.



The Flyer/Courtesy of Bryan Goodman  
Bryan Goodman

Bryan Goodman has been a part of SGA for three semesters beginning as a Senator his sophomore year. He originally became involved with the SGA because he saw an opportunity to reach out to more students and learn more about the University than he had as president of his Residence Hall Council.

Goodman has also served as the Speaker of the Senate and most recently Vice-President of University Affairs. Some of his responsibilities have included overseeing committees such as the Mentor program, Safe Ride, Earth Day and Commuter Relations as well as appointing students to University Forum committees.

Currently Goodman is working to expand the Safe Ride program to provide a shuttle service for off-campus students from the Crossroads.

He hopes to set realistic goals for the SGA if he is elected. Goodman also wants to improve the image of the SGA among students. He said he wants students to view the SGA as a cohesive group. If elected he would want students to know, "I am not the SGA."

Goodman said he would represent student interests and get them what they want within reason. He hopes to make the SGA more student centered since the power comes from the students. Goodman stressed the need for more person to person interaction to keep students informed rather than relying solely on advertising.

Goodman feels his down to earth personality and experience make him a qualified candidate for President. He has contacts with a variety of areas of the campus community from his days in Residence Hall Association, COOL and other activities.

He hopes students will consider him and write him in once they know his qualifications.

## SGA ballot

**President:** John Pritchett

**Executive Vice President:** Bruce (JR) Burkhardt

**Vice President of External Affairs:** Lee Roth

**Vice President of University Affairs:** Jeannie Haddaway

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Lindsey Clime  
Ryan O'Connor  
Briana Aiken  
Meredith McGue

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Christina Mezynski  
Erin O'Toole  
Melissa Meyers  
Christine Pelletier  
Chita Phong Phan  
Michael Andersen  
Jennifer Swingle

# Habitat for Humanity hold fundraiser at Centre at Salisbury

David Ferrera  
News Editor

Habitat for Humanity kicked off a fundraising event on Saturday, Dec. 6 at the Centre at Salisbury. To raise money, Habitat for Humanity is sponsoring a message tree.

For \$1, contributors can write a message on an ornament to be placed on

a tree located at the Santa Clause display next to JC Penny's.

Laurin Lehner, a sophomore transfer from the University of Maryland at College Park, headed the project with 10-15 other members of Habitat for Humanity. She was able to convince the Centre at Salisbury's management to collaborate on the fundraiser.

Elaine Emerson, marketing director, said, "I thought the tree was such a great idea." She said she had been

wanting to work with SSU students and especially Habitat for Humanity for a while.

The Centre at Salisbury in cooperation with 92.3 FM WICO is sponsoring a drawing with a chance for donors to win gift certificates for the mall.

Emerson said that during the holiday shopping season the mall handles crowds of 12,000 people a day.

The fundraiser will continue through the weekend, Dec. 13-14. Lehner said that this was Habitat for Humanity's first fundraiser in a few years and hopes students as well as the rest of the community come out to support the effort.

## Network for success: a new book tells how

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You may be able to do a lot of good for the community and yourself by learning the secrets of networking.

Why is networking important? Because talent, training and education are not enough to succeed today, says Harvey Mackay, whose new book *Dig Your Well Before You're Thirsty* (Doubleday, \$24.95) explains why. The book contains Harvey's gold-chip advice, accumulated over a lifetime of business success on how to build and maintain the network you need.

Harvey, the CEO of a \$70 million company and author of the bestseller, *Swim With the Sharks Without Being Eaten Alive*, guarantees once you've built the network you need you'll never be more than a phone call away from a person in a position to help you get what you want—whether it's the job opportunity of a lifetime or a lifetime partner, the sales prospect of your dreams or the career advice



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you've only dreamed of.

The book explains everything from the four elements of networking—R.I.S.K—Reciprocity, Interdependency, Sharing, and Keeping at it, to the sixteen cornerstones for a solid network, an eclectic list that includes auto mechanics, headhunters, and best friends.

According to Mackay, networking is

a learned skill—it is preparing to win—at its most basic level. Mackay advises that people aren't strangers if you've already met them. The trick is to meet them before you need their help.

Networking, it turns out, pays off in other ways as well. Harvey Mackay is sponsoring a nationwide search for the Greatest Networker In America. The top prize is an all expense paid trip for two to the Big Apple (three days, two nights), including tickets to the finals of the US Tennis Open. Official contest entry and rules are available by calling 1-888-HARVEY 6.

*Dig Your Well Before You're Thirsty* is now available at bookstores across the nation.

## Now, hear this-and much more

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Good news for many people is that not only are we living longer lives these days, we're also living more enjoyable ones.

For example, people who like attending the theater, the opera, concerts and the like, can now be more assured of hearing every word, note and nuance thanks to new technology.

A unique assistive listening system has been designed to enhance enjoyment of live music performances for individuals with severe to profound hearing losses.

Called Livephone Tokimeki, the device can be fine tuned according to individual user's hearing loss profile, something not possible with infrared and other current large hall assistive listening systems.

The system was recently demonstrated at a New York City Opera program sponsored by International Business Communications Council, a non-profit organization representing Japanese industrial associations

in the automobile and electronics sectors.

The system consists of individual programmable amplifiers and special headphones with contacts to transform soundwaves to vibration. The units are connected to a central PA control panel. The sound enters the brain via two ways, through the ear canal and by vibrating the bones in the ear and skull. Participants are able to adjust the volume and balance during a performance.

The technology was first developed by Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corp. in 1987 and tested in over 100 concerts throughout Japan and in the U.S. Although no system can fully accommodate all types of hearing loss, reactions are for the most part positive.

Said one who tried the device at City Opera, "I heard parts of this opera that I'd never heard before. Being able to hear the voices gave the performance a warmth and richness that I found excellent."

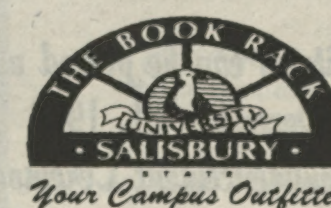
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## Globetrotters pair up with veterans to inspire achievement

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The world-famous Harlem Globetrotters have teamed with the Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) to present the message that it's abilities that count, not disabilities.

The Globetrotters joined members of the Paralyzed Veterans of America to film a television public service announcement (PSA) that demonstrates the skills of wheelchair athletes.

In the television spot, the paralyzed veterans show they can be successful against the talented Globetrotters.

"I'll always remember the three hook shots I made in a row!" said 37-year-old PVA member Mark Hartney from Yorktown, VA. Hartney served as an Air Force officer for 6-1/2 years before retiring in 1988 after a plane crash that resulted in a spinal cord injury. Hartney said, "The Globetrotters were really down-to-earth. I didn't feel like I was with celebrities."

Arnold "A-Train" Bernard, a 26-year-old member of the Globetrotters, said, "I gained a better understanding of people in wheelchairs by working with them. I had never been around happy, upbeat people in wheelchairs. Making people smile is a big part of my job, but being



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around the PVA team brought my spirits up as much as I feel I brought theirs up." It was the first time 18-year Globetrotters' veteran Billy Ray Hobley had participated in a PSA with wheelchair athletes. He said, "It was a beautiful moment to spend a whole day working with them. I had such a warm feeling—everyone was smiling and having a good time. They all are great guys and I feel lucky just to know them. 'I'll always remember this PSA because I feel I've made new friends. After we finished filming, I hung out with a couple of the guys and really got to know them. By talking with them I saw

life from their perspective. They gave me an insight I will always use for the rest of my life—be positive. I admire them as exceptional young men as well as outstanding athletes."

Corbin Beu, a 24-year-old PVA member from Clinton, WI, said "Playing with the Globetrotters was like a dream come true. I remember watching them on T.V. when I was a kid, and thinking, 'Wow, I'd really like to play with those guys some day.' And now I have."

Beu noted he was very athletic before his injury. He ranked nationally in 1992 in the triathlon and had served in the

Navy for almost two years when he sustained his injury.

Desert Storm veteran Cliff McDowell, a 31-year-old PVA member from Charlotte, NC, stated playing with the Globetrotters was a lot different from when he watched them play in 1986 at the Greensboro Coliseum. "I got to see who they really are. They were very personable and kept me laughing," he said.

The fourth PVA member, Scott Law of Mentor, OH, was a gold-medal winner in the shotput competition during the 16th National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Seattle, WA.

Bernard summed up the feelings of all the Globetrotters when he stated, "What surprised me the most was that they could really shoot! All of them are great athletes."

Recognized as the world's most popular sports organization, the Harlem Globetrotters have played to more than 100 million fans in 114 countries during their 70-year reign as basketball's "Ambassadors of Goodwill."

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## Tough homework tamed by technology

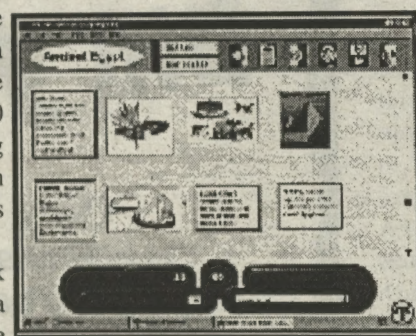
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## Christmas and college: these days they're all about cash

If you've been living in Tibet for the past few weeks, you may not have realized that Christmas is upon us. You haven't heard the endless "Jingle Ye Faithful's Tannenbaum" Muzak at the mall or seen the usual display of inventive ways to use red and green on everything from lampposts to truck grilles. Maybe you missed last Sunday's *Washington Post*, which was little more than a Christmas advertising sampler with a sidebar about current events.

The slow, sad commercialization of Christmas seems to have been accelerating in recent years. When we were children, the displays and the big sales and the cards and boxes of candy didn't come out until just after Thanksgiving, four weeks before the holiday. This year the red-and-greening of America started right around Halloween; I hope Santa Claus has a calendar, because by now we're already in full-out week before Christmas mode with houses decorated, the Grinch on TV and the malls jam-packed with shoppers.

Now wait a minute here — what's the birth of Christ got to do with malls and shopping anyway? If the holiday is supposed to be a celebration of his life then why are people going into heavy credit card debt to satisfy everyone on their list? Once I explained to a friend that because I'm Jewish, I don't celebrate

Christmas. "But it's not a religious holiday," she told me, as if I was the stupid one. Maybe she was right after all, unless of course you consider shopping to be the new American religion.

It's depressing to begin with that religious life in America is on the decline and more depressing still that what passes for religious celebration these days is really little more than a month-long shopping spree.

This is happening in other areas of life too. Witness what's going on at many universities, which are increasingly searching for creative ways to make a buck. Right here at SSU we're hawking everything from SSU-emblazoned silk nighties to iced raisin bread in the interest of "keeping up with the Joneses," ensuring that we've got enough in the bank to stay relevant in an increasingly competitive world.

I guess that's what religion is doing too, adapting to a world where few would be willing to celebrate the life of Christ by simply singing hymns and breaking bread with family. These days, it's not a party until somebody has maxed out their Visa card.

All of this commercialization kind of makes me want to head for the hills and stake out the kind of simple existence that was once considered normal. And I think I just might do it; as long as I can still order by catalog.

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## A year and a half in: a profile of President Merwin

Pamela Raitt and  
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Features Editor and  
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In the year and a half since he took office, SSU President William Merwin has remained something of a mystery to most students. If you ask around you'll hear him described variously as "the big, tall guy" who is "always smiling and waving" and "always impeccably dressed." While these terms do provide a caricature of Merwin, the man himself is more complex. In an interview in his office on the second floor of Holloway Hall two weeks ago, he was relaxed, open and self reflective. Although he sees his job as essentially the head of marketing and public relations for the university, it's clear that Merwin has remained in education over a 25 year career because he really enjoys students. It's clear too, that he is staunchly loyal to his own dreams, unwilling to compromise them for a job he doesn't love.

### Background - the road to SSU

Merwin began developing his lifelong passion for civics and government at an early age. Around the kitchen table of his boyhood home in La Crosse, Wis., his father, the city supervisor, would gather other city officials for meetings or informal get-togethers. Young Merwin was fascinated by what was going on and lucky enough to have a father who always let him stick around and listen to the proceedings. A seed was planted; Merwin has retained that interest in what makes a good citizen throughout his life.

Merwin stayed in his hometown to get his bachelor's degree in history and social studies and then his Master's in history at the University of Wisconsin (UWI). For the next five years he was an associate professor of education and a basketball coach at UWI - but he yearned for something more. After applying to several universities around the country, Merwin settled on the University of Georgia's (UGA) doctoral program in history and social science education. With three young children to support by this time, Merwin chose UGA because of the lucrative scholarship it offered.

And thus began a year-long period that Merwin described as "one of the best periods of our lives as a

family." With his flexible graduate school schedule, Merwin was often home during the day and able to get to know his three young sons. It was also a chance for the family to discover the South, where they would return two years later.

But first Merwin was drawn back to his hometown, La Crosse. Just over thirty years old and with a doctorate under his belt, he was anxious to show the folks back home how far he had come. He also thought that, since he had such close connections there, it would be the perfect place to start his career. As anyone who goes home for the holidays to get their

chicks pinched and their head patted knows, it's often hard for the people who have known you all your life to ever see you as grown. So it was for Merwin, who recalled being introduced by the chair of the faculty senate at a UWI function as "little Billy Merwin, one of my best history students who used to play basketball here."

"I knew then that I'd never make it there," Merwin said, with the disarming honesty that he showed throughout the interview. Even at the tender age of thirty, Merwin knew how important it was to him to "make it" someday and so he left his hometown for the last time and headed for the University of North Florida (UNF) in Jacksonville.

At the time, in the early 1970s, UNF was one of a wave of schools around the country that were trying out innovative methods of reshaping the way that colleges educate. Merwin went in as a junior faculty member teaching social science education in 1973 and

quickly rose through the ranks - curriculum and instruction department chair in 1975, associate vice president for academic affairs in 1978 and finally provost/vice president for academic affairs in 1981. During 12 years at UNF, Merwin watched as the university stopped trying to "rewrite the book" and went back to "doing things pretty much the way that 3,000 other colleges and universities have always done things." Sometime during that 12 years too, Merwin realized what role he wanted to ultimately play in university life. He realized that he wanted to be president.

Again, Merwin spoke candidly about the decision to leave UNF when his career had clearly been on a fast upward track. "The president at the time was only a few years older than me and I knew he wasn't leaving anytime soon. And I wanted to be the president of a university," he said.

A tip from his sister in Montana led him to apply for

the vacant presidential position at what was then called Northern Montana College. He got the job and stayed on for four years - although he was president, the job still didn't provide everything that Merwin was looking for. "It was a very, very poor area, very rural and impoverished," Merwin said. His regional service area was 600 miles across and Merwin spent much of his time driving back and forth across long distances of Montana countryside.

With Helena 200 miles away, Billings 225 miles away and Bozeman 325 miles away, Merwin and his family were starved for the type of life they had

known in other states. So in 1989 he accepted the presidential post at the State University of New York (SUNY) at Potsdam, a school similar to SSU in its composition and mission. "It bills itself as the middle class answer to private school," said Merwin.

Seemingly he was happy at SUNY until 1994 when the gubernatorial election ushered in a wave of conservative politics in the Empire state. SUNY experienced a system-wide 35 percent budget cut shortly after the elections, which forced Merwin to layoff 50 people at Potsdam. "It was a brutal event," Merwin said, "but I would have hung on if I thought there was any chance of turning things around down the line."

Merwin wouldn't have to wait around to find out if things would change, because in 1995 a friend, the president of Florida State University, nominated him for the position left by Dr. Bellavance at SSU. Merwin had heard that SSU was a solid school on a beautiful campus and knew that the University System of Maryland (USM) was among the most respected state systems in the country. Perhaps, finally, his dream of being a university president in an environment that suited his personal needs would become a reality. When the job was offered, Merwin didn't hesitate.

### SSU - the job

Karin Johnson, executive assistant to the president, remembers that time well. Heading the search committee for Dr. Bellavance's replacement, Johnson recognized Merwin's potential and strove to recruit him for SSU.

While checking references on Merwin, Johnson soon learned that a few other universities were trying equally hard to make him their next president. She also learned that Merwin had built himself a stellar record as far as his peers were concerned - Johnson didn't hear a single negative comment about him during the exhaustive background check.

The major hurdle that Johnson and the committee felt they had to clear was getting Merwin to really know SSU; he had never visited the university by the time the selection process began. So Johnson invited he and his wife, Debbie, to Salisbury, and they spent a couple of

## Love of students has driven a 25 year career in education

MERWIN, from page 8

days meeting people and getting a feel for the area. That couple of days was all it took for the Merwins to fall in love with SSU.

Looking back on the time period just after Merwin accepted his position, Johnson recalls the sardonic comment she heard from an administrator at one of the other schools that had been courting him: "Oh, you're the ones who got Merwin."

As impressed as he was with SSU's campus, faculty and student body, Merwin quickly saw the potential he felt the school could live up to with one missing ingredient: increased funding from the state. Shortly after his appointment, Merwin noticed a key phrase that had been used in a 1988 USM report: "national eminence" had been listed as one of the system's statutory goals. Merwin took their idea and ran with it. "I figured SSU could latch onto this idea of national eminence and use it to make the whole system proud."

And so Merwin capitalized on what would have been a system-wide drive, only he was the one to use it and in fact turn it into his own most identifiable catch phrase. Inherently vague, the term has been puzzled over and often misinterpreted; but perhaps he chose it for its very vagueness, its malleability. He has used it to spur on the campus community to reach for higher achievement and, more importantly, he hopes it will help set SSU apart from the other schools in the system.

Merwin views SSU as a "victim of our own success," since it's his belief that the school receives relatively little money from the state (the second lowest fundage in the state) as a result of a perception that it doesn't need more money. "We look wonderful, we have bright kids, good faculty and a high graduation rate," said Merwin, "so why don't we get more money?" The school currently receives \$4,067 per full-time enrolled student, but Merwin feels that SSU needs \$200 more per student, per year.

To this end, one of Merwin's most high profile initiatives so far has been his capital campaign, with which he hopes to raise \$11 million over five years. Merwin has also appointed a new vice president of academic advancement, who will work to increase alumni donations. Currently only 14 percent of SSU alumni give, but Merwin would like to see that number jump to 25 percent. He would like to see alumni give twice as much as they currently do.

"We need another residence hall with 400 beds and we need them not later but now," Merwin said. He also wants more money apportioned for retention and recruitment of faculty,

which he believes is key to the university's continued success. But Merwin isn't placing all his hopes entirely on outside resources; he believes that the university needs to "self fund" and to that end has worked to open some of the new establishments on campus like the bakery, the larger Book Rack and the Stop 'N' Shop which will open in the Guerrieri University Center next semester.

Merwin views the new

### Merwin - the man

Even in light of his professional accomplishments, Merwin still is prone to the fears that plague us all. "I fear failure and I fear not having my motives understood," Merwin said. One of the ways that he tempers those fears is through hard work. His executive administrative assistant, Jeanne Herman, said that of the many people she has



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Karin Johnson chaired the search committee that brought President Merwin to SSU. She has since become one of his most invaluable

Commons Building as the feather in the cap of SSU's fundraising initiatives. The building, according to Merwin, is "a theater, a classroom, a dining hall, a bookstore," and it includes state-of-the-art conferencing facilities. At last month's President's Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting, Merwin said, "[the Commons] is to facilitate the mission of this institution, not just a commercial enterprise... the building will help us to achieve national eminence."

While Merwin sees national eminence as a long term goal of his presidency, he is proud of some short-term accomplishments. One that he is particularly proud of is his procuring of holiday and sick benefits to contingent employees. He has also helped secure some technological advancements for the university, including the wiring of the residence halls. "I was able to reallocate \$500,000 this year... and we're borrowing another \$500,000 to use for buying new computers and equipment for the coming year," he said.

the president's job seems glamorous, "I have a nice house, a car, I go to parties, I went to the White House, I know the governor and senators of Maryland by name, but I never really get the chance to enjoy it," he said. Merwin estimates that he spends 85 percent of his time off campus and it bothers him that he receives some flack for this. "People don't seem to realize that the president's job is to look outward and cultivate relationships," Merwin said.

Some of the most important relationships he has cultivated are right here on campus. Johnson, his self described right arm and constant confidante, described him as, "a delightful person to work with... energetic, optimistic, charismatic and a visionary." Merwin came up with a slightly more down to earth list, calling himself outgoing, friendly, expressive, a worrier and generous.

If an office is any indication of a personality, Merwin's reflects a man to whom family and friends is very important. Pictures of both fine a

sideboard and one of his wife rests on a shelf above his computer. A coffee table is decorated with other personal mementos, including a Romanian egg that was a gift from an SSU exchange student.

### The future

"We're going to make it!" Merwin readily responded in describing SSU 10 years hence. "We're going to be ranked and recognized," he continued, expressing his firm belief that his plan for national eminence will be realized. Johnson said that he is here to "take the university to the next level."

Merwin said that he would probably still be president of SSU in 10 years, although he joked that "they'll probably be trying to figure out how to get rid of me." Johnson believes that SSU is the place where Merwin wants to spend his last presidency.

Johnson also knows that no matter what curves the presidency throws his way, Merwin will continue to remain committed to the thing that brought him into education to begin with: students. When the stresses of the job get to be too much, Merwin often wanders over to the dining hall and plunks himself down amongst the student diners. "It reminds me of the true joys of the job and it's good therapy," he said.

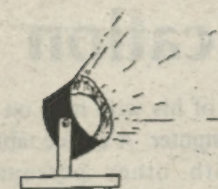
When asked about his personal legacy at SSU, Merwin said he hoped that people will say, "he made a difference, he was student centered and helped to build community within and outside of the campus."

Merwin said that he has no hopes of ever becoming a USM chancellor, since he would lose touch with students. "Being around young people keeps me young," Merwin said, and he went on to describe the joys of watching students grow, knowing them by name and eventually handing them their diplomas. "The best day of my life is always a commencement ceremony," he said.

After a year and a half at SSU and a 25 year career in education, the man from La Crosse still retains his passion for civics and government. But instead of absorbing the kitchen table talk of his father's colleagues, he now prefers to listen in on the kind of talk he can hear in the Bistro of the Maryland Room of the Commons: the talk of SSU students.

Johnson said, "He doesn't want to lose touch with students. He has engendered that spirit in all of us." It's a spirit that he hopes will have the power to carry SSU to a bright future while allowing him to finally realize his dreams.





**Emily Argo**  
Flyer Staff Writer

*Each week in Spotlight, Emily Argo ventures out into SSU's hallowed halls of academia in search of professorial profiles.*

This week the spotlight shines on Linda Bush, associate professor of chemistry, who was selected as a member of the Project Kaleidoscope Faculty for the 21st Century (F21), a group of individuals who are working to improve science, mathematics, engineering and technology education.

Bush is one of 600 members in the organization. She said, "I was very honored and flattered to be nominated. It was a really exciting opportunity." She attended the F21 national assembly in Houston, Texas, November 14-16. She said, "I learned so much about what is going on at other institutions, what my colleagues in chemistry are doing in

terms of their classrooms, their research and their activism for science."

At the national assembly, Bush learned ways to make her classroom more experiential and hands-on. She and her colleagues are trying to break down some of the traditions in science instruction like "chalk-talk lectures" and bring more critical thinking into the classroom. She said, "Providing hands-on experiences for students makes science more real and not so abstract."

Bush earned her bachelor's degree in chemistry at Bryn Mawr College. She received her Master's and doctorate degrees in organic chemistry at Yale University. In the summer before she began graduate school, Bush worked for Ronmhas, a chemical company located outside Philadelphia. Her work focused on insecticides. She said, "The experience helped me to see more possibilities than I had been able to see in college. It also informed me about the industrial side of chemistry."

While working at SSU, Bush spent a summer working for AlliedSignal, the nation's largest supplier of seat belts. She did research on molecules that could be added to fibers to increase the durability of seat

belts. She said, "It was fun to go back into a high powered lab with all of the toys. The job also enabled me to network and meet other people in the profession."

Bush has been teaching at SSU for five years. This semester she is teaching General chemistry, organic chemistry, two labs and the senior seminar. Bush uses web pages extensively in her courses to deliver assignments, quizzes, extra information and sample exams. She is presently learning Java script to make her web pages more interactive.

She is also working on research projects with two students. In one project, she and the student are working on a photochromic compound, which changes color in light and are trying to design a new compound which displays the same property. In the other project, she and the student are identifying the nature and characteristics of a particular organometallic complex. Bush said one of her goals is to expand the research opportunities for students at SSU.

Bush is a Faculty Senator and a member of the Academic Policies Committee. She is on the Web Advisor team, which directs the development of

SSU's website. As the webmaster for the Women's/Gender studies minor, she creates and maintains a set of web pages about the minor.

She is also a member of the committee which is developing a university summer experience for college-bound high school students. The program, which will begin this summer, allows high school students to come to SSU, take summer school classes and experience the college atmosphere.

She is a member of an interdisciplinary committee which explores writing across the curriculum. In June, the committee members went to a conference in Montreal, Canada to present some of their findings. She is also a member of the American Chemical Society and a member of the Council on Undergraduate Research.

Bush said, "I would like to be as successful as possible at what I do best, which is teaching chemistry. My goal is to get students enthused about chemistry and science and to bring technology into play as much as possible."

## Dependable American fare at the Royal Exchange Pub

**Heather Crutchfield**  
Flyer Staff Writer

I have always thought that the Royal Exchange Pub's Jerk chicken sandwich was to die for. The hearty Jamaican spices coating a whole chicken breast seared to bring out the zesty flavor and smothered in the Pub's homemade, mild honey mustard was a treat that would calm my nerves any day.

When I entered the Pub late last week to savor the atmosphere and treat my tastebuds, I knew I would leave satisfied.

After being greeted at the door and having my coat whisked away to a closet, I was led to a booth where a friend eagerly awaited my arrival so we could dig in.

Our ever attentive waitress, Karen, arrived immediately to take our orders and tell us about the incredible specials that were the night's addition to the menu. After consultation and much debate, I chose to order the crabmeat stuffed mushroom caps appetizer and the baked stuffed shrimp and scallops with baked potato, cole slaw and house salad with honey mustard dressing.

My friend ordered the Jerk chicken appetizer (the same as the sandwich without the bread) and the zesty Tex-Mex chicken entrée.

Our appetizers arrived quickly, steaming and sizzling. Seeing the two button mushrooms filled with creamy

crab and topped with mozzarella cheese in a warmed dish made my mouth water in anticipation. The mushrooms were moist with a light flavor that complemented the crab and cheese. The cream base in the crab did not smother the taste at all and the cheese went surprisingly well with the rest of the dish.

My friend agreed with me about the Jerk chicken, deeming it excellent and flavorful.

As we completed devouring our appetizers, the "bread girl" arrived with a full basket of assorted breads. Available to us were blueberry and coconut muffins as well as raisin and rye breads, all made on the premises. I choose the rye, a warm, soft bread with a very full flavor. In the time it took me to begin

buttering my bread, the salad arrived. Assorted lettuces with onions, tomato, cucumber, hard boiled egg and

mushrooms composed the salad which I doused in the homemade honey mustard, the house dressing.

The honey mustard accented the flavor of the salad and made a great treat. Again, with perfect timing, as I took the last bite of my salad, the entrees arrived. With a wide eyed wonderment

My friend's Tex-Mex chicken was also a hit. The chicken breast, stuffed with ground beef and cheddar cheese and topped with salsa was described as "good, with a creamy texture."

The meal was topped off with a lemon herbal tea, one of several teas offered. Also available at the Pub for after dinner is an assortment of twelve desserts that change on a monthly basis as well as a selection of latte, cappuccino and flavored coffees.

One featured dessert was a Black Russian cake, a Kahlua cake with mocha icing, topped with whipped cream. Though I was tempted, my stomach was groaning under the weight of the rich dinner and I had to decline.

According to David Hooper, the assistant general manager at the Pub, the Royal Exchange's menu is comprised of foods categorized as American style cuisine, meaning that the bulk of the menu contains beef and pork. The menu also features a variety of seafood, including salmon, tuna, and shrimp. The Pub also offers a variety of vegetarian options, including a vegetarian burger and a vegetarian pizza. The Pub is a great place to enjoy a meal with friends or family. The atmosphere is casual and relaxed, and the service is excellent. The Pub is a must-visit for anyone looking for a great meal in Salisbury.



The Royal Exchange Pub is located at 740 South Salisbury Blvd., north of campus.

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## Farewell from your Features Editor

**Pamela Raitt**  
Soon to be former  
Features Editor

Alas, this issue marks my last as Features Editor of *The Flyer*. In fact it is my last issue, period, since two weeks from now I will make the switch from SSU student to SSU alumnus. I've only been here for a year and a half, but I won't let that stop me from making a few observations about the state of things in Salisbury.

1. Lots of students complain about the lack of things to do in this town. "Salisbury has got to start offering more for us to do!" I heard someone say a few weeks ago. Well, guess what everyone: it's never going to happen. I realized this when I overheard some women at the grocery store bemoaning the fact that there are "too many bars here now" (talk about different perspectives). As far as Salisbury's residents are concerned, this already is a college town. The key to not

going insane is to remind yourself, hourly if necessary, that you will not be here forever. Complaining? It's not worth the breath it takes.

2. A lot of students complain about the various problems they have with the university itself. Unlike Salisbury the town, Salisbury the university is willing to listen to student suggestions and in fact encourages students to become involved in making decisions about how things work around here. There's a big difference between bitching to your roommate about the long wait for a stairclimber at the gym and becoming involved in the process by which the gym gets more machines. If you have an axe to grind (and we all do), figure out who needs to hear about it and tell them. Find out what student committee is working on that issue and volunteer to be on it; if there isn't one, ask why not and found it. There's no guarantee that your problems will be solved by putting your voice out there,

but so what? It's still satisfying to know that you tried.

3. A few things that deserve to be complained about: the unreliable computer network; the lack of healthy food available on campus; the woefully outdated collection at Blackwell Library; the uneven schedule of acts and events that are brought to campus; a pub that is contributing to underage drinking with its bracelet system (when has that ever worked?); the lack of campus services on weeknights and weekends; a gym with too-old equipment.

4. Some things that deserve praise: mostly caring and concerned professors; an unfailingly nice housekeeping staff; grounds that are always well-kempt; a gallery that manages to get interesting and evocative displays on a small budget; the theatre, which truly runs the spectrum in its plays and musicals; the nice women who run the food carts - I've never been called "honey" so many times in my life.

In the final analysis, believe it or not, SSU and Salisbury are just like any other university and town. They have their high and low points. No matter how much some of us dream about what it would be like to attend bigger schools in bigger cities, we'd find something to complain about there too.

And anyway, once you get as close to graduation as I am now, you will come to realize that college goes by so fast that it's hardly worth sweating the small stuff. Sure I could have had more fun on weekends and made more lucrative future contacts someplace else, but now I'm faced with the thrilling prospect of having the rest of my life to do those things. Even though the last year and a half have been far from exciting, it was time well spent. I'm leaving with a degree, which, after all, was the only thing I really came here for.

Best of luck to the rest of you future SSU alumni. It's time for me to get the \$%&\* out of Dodge.

## What's happening? A guide to campus events

### Salisbury Symphony Orchestra's Holiday Concert Dec. 13 and 14

Harpsichordist Susan Zimmer and the Potsdam Brass Quintet headline the Salisbury Symphony Orchestra (SSO) at SSU's annual Holiday Concerts on Saturday, December 13 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, December 14 at 2 p.m. in Holloway Hall Auditorium.

Selections from Brahms, Haydn and Beethoven are featured in the first

half of the concert, while traditional seasonal pieces plus the annual visit by Santa Claus, highlight the second half.

Established in 1968, the Potsdam Brass Quintet is the brass quintet-in-residence at the Crane School of Music at the State University of New York at Potsdam. Members of the quintet are John Ellis and James Madeja, trumpets; Roy Schaberg, horn; Mark Hartman, trombone; and Peter Popiel, tuba. They bring a wealth of experience to the ensemble both as musicians and as educators.

The quintet has performed throughout the US including New York's Lincoln Center

and the annual convention of the International Horn Society. The ensemble's two recordings, *New York Composers* and *Music for Brass Quintet*, have introduced new musical works to the ever widening brass quintet repertoire.

Zimmer grew up in New Mexico and has played the piano since age six. She received her Bachelor of Music in organ performance from Texas Tech University and received a Master of Music in organ at the Yale Institute of Sacred Music, where she served as a graduate accompanying assistant. Currently the director of music at Wicomico Presbyterian Church, Zimmer is organist and director of nine singing and handbell choirs. She also presently serves as the staff accompanist for the SSU Department of Music.

The SSO Holiday Concert will open with the first movement of Brahms' *Fourth Symphony in E minor*, opus 98, followed by a harpsichord concerto of Haydn with Zimmer as soloist. The Orchestra will perform

Beethoven's *Wellington's Victory*, opus 91, and conclude the first half of the program with the traditional *Greensleeves*.

Following intermission, the Potsdam Brass Quintet will perform a divertimento of Vaclav Nelhybel, a work that was commissioned by SSO Conductor Thomas G. Elliot on the Salisbury Symphony's fifth anniversary in 1991. An array of holiday specials and a concluding sing-along of carols round out the performance.

Tickets, which are \$8, are available at any Peninsula Bank or Bank of Delmar branch during regular lobby hours or at the door the day of the performance. The Salisbury Symphony Orchestra was recently charged with becoming completely reliant on donor support and ticket sales for its entire annual budget. Therefore, patron support is especially appreciated.

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Staged scenes from the opera *Hansel and Gretel* by Engelbert Humperdinck from the centerpiece of this season's recital by the voice students of SSU. The recital takes place on Thursday, December 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Great Hall of Holloway Hall.

In addition to the opera scenes, the program will include art songs and arias from the Baroque to the present, from the dramatic to the light, secular and sacred. Some Christmas favorites will also be featured. Among the composers are

Handel, Mozart, Haydn, Schubert, Grieg, Faure, Gluck,

and Barber. The performing soloists are voice students of Dr. Michael Weber and Sandra Jarrett and represent all classes - freshmen through senior - at SSU.

Students are Patricia Beatty, Debra Clark, Lydia Colaresi, Christy Crockett, Cara see H & G, page 12



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Ruby, Alison Siegel, April Simerly, Jo Simms, Marie Tom and Mindy Wood.

For more information contact the Public Relations Office at 410-543-6030.

### Broccoli sprout lecture on Dec. 10

Dr. Jed Fahey, faculty research associate in the Department of Pharmacology and Molecular Science at Johns Hopkins University, discusses "Broccoli Sprouts: An Exceptionally Rich Source of Inducers of Mammalian Detoxification Enzymes" on Wednesday, December 10 at 4 p.m. in Devilbiss Science Hall Room 149.

In a September press release, Hopkins' scientists announced that they found a new and highly concentrated

source of sulforaphane, a compound they identified in 1992 that helps mobilize the body's natural cancer-fighting resources and reduces risk of developing cancer. The scientists found the compound abundant in broccoli sprouts.

Fahey's lecture, sponsored by SSU's Richard A. Henson School of Science and Technology, is free and open to the public. For more information call the Public Relations Office at 410-543-6030.

### Maryland Senator to speak at December commencement

Maryland Senator J. Lowell Stoltzfus (Republican - 38th District), a longtime friend and supporter of SSU, delivers the featured address at winter commencement on Sunday, December 21, at the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center. Ceremonies begin at 3 p.m. Five hundred eleven students will receive degrees.

Stoltzfus is a 1973 graduate of SSU where he earned a bachelor's in English and sociology. He has been a member of the Maryland General Assembly since 1990, first in the House of Delegates, then Senate.

"Sen. Stoltzfus has been a loyal supporter of SSU and a true friend to students," said SSU Provost Phillip Creighton. "He has worked for their benefit, from supporting the underpass on Rt. 13, to opening his office to SSU interns, to mentoring those interested in politics. In Annapolis, he has been an advocate for such things as the new science building and working to introduce (SSU) President Merwin to members of the legislature."

A Somerset County resident, he is owner and operator of Stoltzfus Plant Farm a nursery growing 30 million cabbage plants a year - the largest producer of cabbage

plants for sauerkraut in the country.

Stoltzfus has always had a commitment to education. He taught in the public school system for two years before becoming a founder and principal of Holly Grove Christian School in Westover, Md., which now has 325 students in kindergarten through 12th grade. In his church, Holly Grove Mennonite, he has served as elder, minister of music, youth director and Sunday school teacher. He and his wife, Sharon, have four children.

Stoltzfus is concerned about issues relating to the Chesapeake Bay. In the Maryland General Assembly he is a member of the Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee, the Chesapeake Bay Commission, the Governor's Pesticide Council, Tourism Development Board, Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas Oversight Commission, Forum for Rural Maryland, as well as the Executive Nominations Committee. He was recently recognized with a "Best in Class" Award by the Maryland State Chamber of Commerce.

On the commencement podium with Stoltzfus will be Patricia McLeod, who will give the student address, and

see SENATOR, page 13

## Jerk chicken and crab imperial among Pub's temptations

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chicken items. "For the 23 years this place has been open, it has gone through so many changes that there really is something for everybody," Hooper said.

The menu includes about 50 varieties of bottled wines and the Pub Bar serves traditional mixed drinks, 12 different scotches, fresh black and tans, Heineken, six drafts and liquors as well.

Patrons of the main dining room have the unique opportunity of watching their food be prepared in the open cooking area called the Pit. Located at the back of the dining room, the Pit is a stylish kitchen area where chefs cook and prepare 85 percent of the meals served.

Many students have commented on the changes to the Flying Club, the sports bar type club attached to the restaurant. The 32 seat bar and raised dining area comprise the majority of the Club while pool tables, big screen TV's, NTN trivia games, dartboards, foosball and a humidor occupy the rest of the area.

The Club has changed drastically. There is now a dress code in effect for all patrons, prohibiting ripped or holed jeans, and requiring that hats be worn only with the brim forward. On New Year's Eve, men will be required to wear collared shirts.

Another new addition to the Royal Exchange Pub is the "Flight Deck" a private banquet room for parties of up to 65 people, including a private bar if needed. Hooper noted that there is a full catering menu, including buffet style meals and no room rental is charged.

Hooper also remarked that with the varied price range of entrees, ranging from \$9.95 - \$26.95, students can fit the dinner in their budget, often a concern of couples and friends having a night out. "We have fun here," Hooper said.

As I left, one of the Pub's chefs noted that, "Here it's homestyle food presented in a very nice manner." And, I think, a very nice restaurant.

## December commencement on the 21st

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Salisbury businesswoman Billye Parks Sarbanes, who will receive the Alumni Appreciation Award.

The following degrees will be awarded: Bachelor of Arts - 183; Bachelor of Science - 272; Bachelor of Arts in Social Work - 13, for a total of 423; and Master of Arts - four; Master of Arts in Teaching - six; Master of Business Administration - 21; Master of Education - 52 and master of Science - five; for a total of 88.

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### Christmas!

In case you were wondering how provincial Salisbury really is, just try and find some Hanukkah or Kwanzaa cards.

### Totally for You featuring Lollipop the Clown

Whenever I'm stressed out from studying, I head to the nearest circus and watch those clowns in action. TFY must have read my mind.

### Two Cushmans stolen in two weeks

Apparently it's hard to resist the animal power of a glorified golf cart.

### Good Morning America comes to the Crossroads this week

They're doing a segment on a new trend that's sweeping college campuses. They call it "bracelet swapping."

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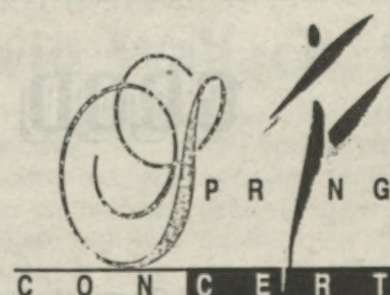
Now there's another tragic side effect of cocaine. It's called unemployment. Last year alone, America's

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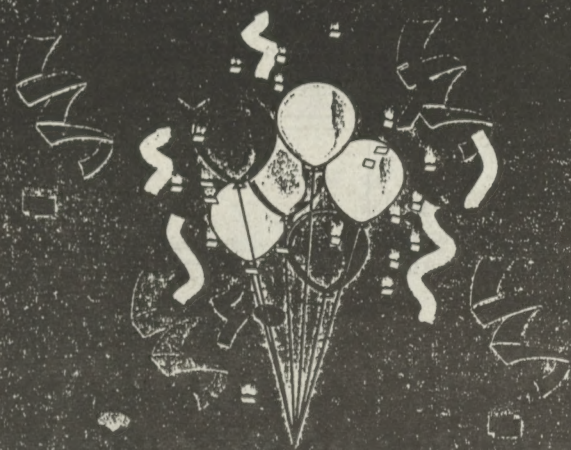


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## Gulls capture Salisbury Optimist Classic championship

Aaron Skolnik  
Flyer Sports Writer

The SSU men's basketball team overcame an 11-point halftime deficit by scoring 75 points in the second half to capture their second Salisbury Optimist Gull Classic championship in three years

### On Campus

#### Men's Basketball

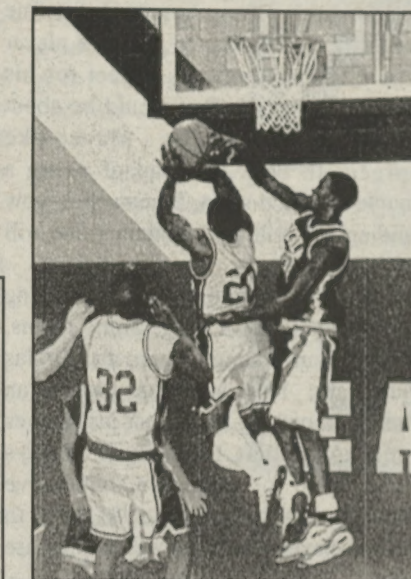
The Sea Gulls captured the Salisbury Optimist Gull Classic by defeating Lincoln University 117-101 on Saturday. Sophomore Will Watson scored 24 while senior George Robinson chipped in 20. The win avenges a one-point loss to Lincoln last year in the championship game of the Gull Classic. The Gulls play at York College tonight. (See story on this page)

#### Women's Basketball

SSU dropped their first game of the Salisbury Optimist Gull Classic on Friday to Baldwin Wallace 93-68. The Yellow Jackets captured the Gull Classic going a perfect 2-0. The Sea Gulls defeated Villa Julie on Sunday 90-41. Sophomore Jill Trout and freshman Elisabeth Barfuss were named to the All-Tournament team. (See story this page)

#### Swimming

The men and women swim teams both captured victories over York College on Saturday. The men won 98-74 behind two first place finishes by Chris Bembenek and Mike Nusbaum. The women won their third straight meet with a 118-75 victory. Freshman Rebecca Mitchell set a school record in the 100-yd. backstroke. (See Gull Takes on page 18)



The Flyer/Courtesy of Aaron Skolnik  
Senior George Robinson gets blocked by tournament MVP Darrel Lewis.

with a 117-101 victory over Lincoln University (Pa.).

Before a packed house at the Maggs Center Saturday night, the Gulls avenged last year's 91-90 loss to the Lions in the championship game of the Classic. Sophomore forward Will Watson sparked SSU with 24 points while senior George Robinson added 20 in the win.

The Sea Gulls got off to a slow start, falling behind early. SSU shot only 42 percent (15-36) from the floor and converted only four of 13 attempts from beyond the three-point arc in the first half. Lincoln controlled the ball on both ends of the floor, grabbing seven more rebounds than the Gulls.

"I thought we hustled the first half, but we seemed to be all thumbs. We couldn't handle the ball," SSU head coach Ward Lambert said about the Gulls' 18 turnovers in the first half.

However the Sea Gulls stayed close. They were led by junior forward Sean Soyars who scored 10 points in the first half. SSU trailed by 11 at the half, 53-42.

The second half was a completely different story as the Gulls slowly chipped away at the Lions' lead. Sophomore guard Colin Exelby connected on two consecutive three-pointers from the corner to bring the Gulls within five points. With 11:14 remaining, freshman Sherron Trice gave the Sea Gulls their first lead of the game, 72-71, with a basket from the low post.

The Gulls never looked back, as their up-tempo offensive attack quickly tired out the Lions. "If we don't foul them and stop the clock we can tire most teams out. We play 14 players and most other teams aren't that deep," Lambert said. "We weren't disciplined in the second half. We made too many mistakes and gave them a lot of second chances," said Lincoln head coach Robert Byars.

Watson sealed the victory with 2:36 remaining after sinking two three-pointers, giving the Gulls a 102-90 lead. "Lincoln was looking for George [Robinson] and Colin [Exelby] to stroke it, so I just stepped up and did what I had to do," said Watson. "It feels good to finally win two games in a row. We have a young team, but I think we've all grown up by playing a good team like Lincoln," Watson added. The native of New Orleans, La. shot 10 of 17 from the floor, including four of six three-pointers. He also added seven rebounds and four steals.

Exelby and Robinson were named to the All-Tournament team, along with Billy Blake (Shenandoah), Lincoln's Taron Richardson (25 points,

11 rebounds, three blocks) and tournament MVP Darrel Lewis (30 points, seven rebounds, eight assists).

"It feels good to come home and get two victories," Robinson said. "We owed [Lincoln] one since they beat us by one point last year."

Robinson connected on nine of 14 shots and added six rebounds. Exelby added 11 points on four for nine shooting, including three for eight from beyond the three-point line. Junior guard Eric Prendeville added 13 points and 11



The Flyer/Courtesy of Aaron Skolnik  
Sophomore Will Watson spots up from outside.

assists for the Gulls who improve their record to 3-3 overall. The Lions fall to 2-4 with the loss. SSU travels to York, Pa. today to face Capital Athletic Conference rival York College.

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## Gulls get stung by Baldwin Wallace, 93-68

Sam Atkinson  
Sports Editor

The SSU women's team opened up the Salisbury Optimist Gull Classic on the wrong foot with a 93-68 loss in the first round last Friday to Baldwin Wallace (Ohio) College. Three Yellow Jackets for Baldwin Wallace scored in double figures as did three Sea Gull players.

Midway through the first half, Baldwin Wallace had a lead of 22-11. The Yellow Jackets claimed the lead of

the game within the first four minutes of the game and wouldn't look back.

Junior guard Jen Swineheart for the Yellow Jackets was the leading scorer for Baldwin Wallace with 18. Senior Lori Peddicord added 13 while sophomore Anjee Beard had 11 of her own. The Yellow Jackets shot well from the field, in the first half they shot 53 percent (17-32) and had 60 percent (23-38) in the second half.

The Yellow Jackets took a 13 point lead into halftime, 39-26. The Baldwin Wallace attack wouldn't let up as they went on a 9-0 run in the first

minute and a half coming out of halftime. SSU answered with their own run of five as freshman Elisabeth Barfuss knocked down one of her three, three-pointers on the day.

The Yellow Jackets increased their lead to 20 at the 16:20 mark, 51-31. The Sea Gulls had to keep fighting from behind and they also had to fight the clock. There just wasn't enough time for them to come back. Eight minutes later the lead had been increased to 73-49.

"We play hard till the end," said SSU head coach Bridget Benshetler. "We

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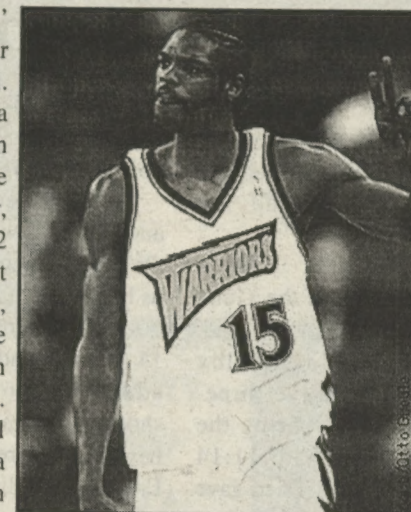
# Attitudes in sports no longer accepted

Brian Burden  
Flyer Sports Writer

According to the National Basketball Association (NBA), players' attitudes are no longer going to be accepted. Latrell Spreewell, a member of the Golden State Warriors and the team's only star player, had his four year, \$32 million contract terminated Wednesday, December 3, because of a confrontation with his coach, P.J. Carlesimo. Spreewell attacked Carlesimo at a team practice earlier in the week and Warrior officials were quick to give reprimands.

Golden State sent a message to the NBA and the rest of professional sports that enough is enough. In a relatively short amount of time, professionals have gone from role models to multi-millionaire babies. In recent years players have become more

and more at odds with authority and because of their huge contracts, have been getting away with it. Spreewell's termination should signal a turn of events.



The Flyer/Courtesy of ESPN  
**Latrell Spreewell had his four year \$32 million contract terminated.**

The fact that the audacity to attack his own coach is, in itself, amazing. The fact that the Players' Association is appealing Spreewell's termination is all the more appalling. It is the Association's duty to defend players from the powerful owners making unfair judgments, but come on! Whether Spreewell had a reason to attack Carlesimo or not, there is no place for that type of adolescence.

I'll be the first to admit that the fights I see in the National Hockey League (NHL), NBA and anywhere else don't faze me. It is the nature of the

players to fight for victory and sometimes their emotions take control. It may not be appropriate and the players do get fined, but fights in games are bound to occur. Fights between players and coaches, however, are a completely different matter.

Many spectators believe that a stiff fine would be more appropriate in this situation. Now, how big of a fine would be appropriate to punish a player who has absolutely no respect for his coach? \$100,000? That would be about one game's salary for a player like Spreewell. Now, instead of being a couple of grand short, Spreewell is now missing \$32 million. I think that fine will teach him a lesson.

It's not like Spreewell is going to be homeless for long. Some teams, like the San Antonio Spurs and Dallas Mavericks, have already expressed an interest in picking him up. It just proves once again that talent will always compensate for attitude. Competitive teams would be fools not to want to claim a player with Spreewell's immense talent.

With other teams ready to claim Spreewell, is the whole ordeal between Spreewell and Carlesimo really that important at all? Spreewell's termination will not end the wave of stupidity that players have become known for, -but it is definitely a step in the right direction. The Warriors do lose their best player, but at what cost? The team is already out of playoff contention and the season is only a month old. They were horrible with him, they can't do much worse without him and they are now \$32 million richer to spend on a player or players who can play and coexist with others.

This event is not the epitome of what professional sports represents, but it is problems like these that have caused fan interest in the leagues to dwindle slightly, and the results will

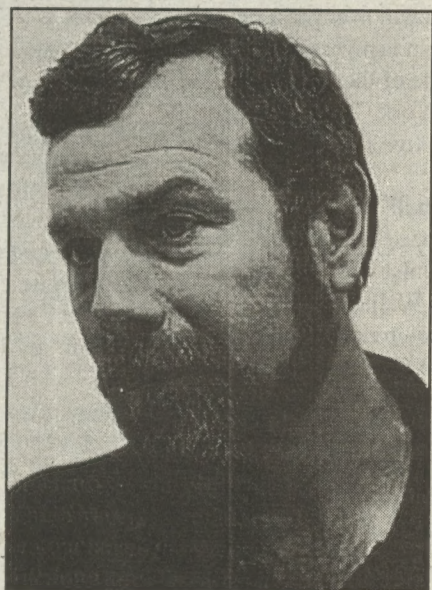
come soon enough. Everything in pro sports is a catch-22. Professional players bring fans to the arenas. Fans, in turn pay exorbitant prices for tickets, memorabilia and other treasures. This money, in part, goes to the owners who are always trying to make a profit. The owners themselves have to fork up huge amounts of money to keep their star players and their names in the city they "love." As the cycle continues to turn, the prices get higher. Players want more money, leading to \$100 million contracts that leave a team dependent on the success of one player. All of this leads to annual increases in ticket prices.

An example of this is the new MCI Center in downtown Washington, D.C. The new home of the Washington Capitals, Wizards and Georgetown University Hoyas is state of the art. The ticket prices prove it. The cheap seats, the nose-bleed sections, six miles from the game, run for a measly \$19. These are, for the most part, sold out. That leaves the beautiful \$52 seats that still require binoculars to see Wizard star

players Chris Webber and Juwan Howard work their magic on the court.

Where does this leave everyone? Eventually, regular fans are not going to be able to afford the steep prices and will disappear. This leaves the business corporations who buy luxury boxes and treat their clients to some good old sports action. If the businesses stay, then the money will still be there,

but the businesses won't stay forever. The money will eventually disappear and owners will start losing money. Even the big markets will have trouble turning a profit. There will be no money to overpay players and then what will happen? Players like Spreewell can hit all the coaches they want and nobody will pay attention. Nobody will care. That would be perfect.



The Flyer/Courtesy of ESPN  
**Golden State Warriors head coach P.J. Carlesimo is recovering from being nearly strangled by Spreewell.**

# All-time SSU men's lacrosse prolific goal scorer gets his jersey retired

Sam Atkinson  
Sports Editor

He's considered the best men's lacrosse player to ever play at SSU. He is the all-time scoring leader in college lacrosse at any level. He also became the first player ever in NCAA Division III history to earn first team all-American honors four times. He is none other than Jason Coffman.

On Saturday, during halftime of the men's basketball game versus Villa Julie College, Coffman received the highest honor a school can give an athlete by retiring his jersey.

Coffman's number "32" becomes the second lacrosse jersey and just the fourth in any sports at SSU to be retired. The other lacrosse jersey, 37, was worn by Dave Cottle, who is currently the head coach for men's lacrosse at Loyola College (Md.).

"This has been overwhelming for me tonight," said Coffman. "I played with a lot of great players and I couldn't accomplish all of my personal records without them."

Coffman, who played at SSU from 1993-96, concluded his career finishing with 249 goals, 202 assists and 451 total points. Coffman was the USILA's Division III Player of the Year in both 1994 and 1995, as well as the Attackman of the Year in 1994, 1995 and 1996.

"He was a phenomenal player. Jason always represented the university well on and off the field," said SSU athletic director Michael Vienna.

Coffman led the Sea Gulls to the national championship with

undefeated seasons in both 1994 and 1995. The Sea Gulls were 53-0 in regular season games during Coffman's four career. Including postseason games, SSU compiled a 60-2 overall record during Coffman's four seasons. He holds virtually every SSU scoring record, including goals, assists and points in a season and in a career, as well as single-game records for assists and points.

"This is a fitting end to a great career," said SSU head coach Jim Berkman. "He was a tremendous player who knew how to score. His statistical accomplishments will probably never be repeated. They're beyond comprehension."

This night was truly special for Coffman a native of Carthage, N.Y. and his family and friends. There were many stories of Coffman being talked about during that night but it is hard to pick just one as his best.

"His freshman year playing against Nazareth

College, Jason scored one goal between his legs," said current SSU lacrosse player Brendan Bellotte. Berkman echoed Bellotte, "He scored five or six goals as we won 8-5 to beat Nazareth. But I can't really claim any game better than another," said Berkman.

Coffman said the 1995 team was the best team he ever played on. "It was my junior year and that team was so dominate that we beat teams by 15 or 20 goals. It was the most fun I have had with a team," said Coffman.

According to Coffman his fondest game was during his sophomore year against #1 ranked Nazareth College on the road. SSU embarrassed the Golden Flyers on their home turf with a 21-2 drubbing. Coffman had four goals and an assist. "It was the best feeling, entering the last



The Flyer/Courtesy of Sam Atkinson  
**Jason Coffman (center) had his number "32" jersey retired on Saturday.**

period up 19-0, knowing that we had just knocked off the #1 team in the nation," said Coffman.

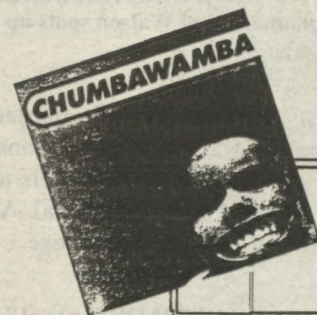
"Coffman put us on the lacrosse map," said Bellotte. "He is the foundation of the whole program. He made hard things look easy."

After leaving SSU, Coffman served as an assistant lacrosse coach for one season at Cornell (N.Y.) University. He is now in his first year as an assistant at St. Lawrence (N.Y.) University. "It is a different level of lacrosse. I will just try to help them the best I can," said Coffman about his new appointment to St. Lawrence, which is a Division III program.

Coffman said he is enjoying the transition to the coaching side of the sport. He remains active as a player with club ball which he will play next spring. "If I don't have fun on a team, I won't play," said Coffman.

SSU may never see the caliber of play that Coffman brought to the lacrosse field again. His behind the back goals, no-look passes and between the legs shots will live forever in the memories of SSU. "It wasn't until Jason came along that the SSU lacrosse program was taken to the next level. He was the man," said Vienna. Coffman may be gone from SSU but his records and jersey will be around for years to come.

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# Gull Takes

**• Swimming**

**Gulls sweep York College**  
YORK, Pa. — The SSU men's and women's swim teams each defeated Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) rival York College Saturday, 98-74 and 118-75 respectively.

The men improved their record to 2-4 overall and 2-3 in the CAC, led by senior Chris Bembenek who placed first in the 100-yd. butterfly and the 100-yd. backstroke. Sophomore Mike Nusbaum added first place finishes in the 200-yd. individual medley and the 500-yd. freestyle.

The women captured their third straight victory, all against conference opponents (York, Marymount and Goucher), to improve their overall record to 4-3 and their CAC record to 4-1. Freshman Rebecca Mitchell led the Gulls, setting a school record in the 100-yd. backstroke with a time of 1:04.69 on her way to victory.

Both teams take an extended winter break, with the women returning to action on Jan. 24 when they travel to

Baltimore to face Notre Dame (Md.). Both teams travel to Washington, D.C. to face CAC rival Catholic on Jan. 26.

**Sea Gulls top Marymount**  
SALISBURY — Jeff Waltz and Mike Nusbaum led the men while Alison Calcaterra and Rebecca Mitchell sparked the women to victory over CAC opponent Marymount last Tuesday in front of the home crowd at the Maggs Center.

Waltz and Nusbaum won three events each for the Gulls. Waltz captured the 50, 100 and 400-meter freestyles. Nusbaum notched victories in the 200-meter freestyle, the 200-meter butterfly and the 200-meter backstroke. Freshman Scott DeJesus added a victory in the 800-meter freestyle and a second place finish in the 50-meter freestyle.

For the women, Calcaterra captured the 50 and 100-meter freestyles. Mitchell won the 200-meter freestyle and placed second in the 100-meter freestyle. Jen Herzig and Teresa Piekarski added victories for the Gulls

in the 200-meter breaststroke and the 200-meter individual medley, respectively.

**• Women's Soccer**

**Sea Gull sisters named to All-Region Team**  
SALISBURY — Senior Nicole Urban-Ingley was named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) all Mid-Atlantic region first team. Her younger sister, sophomore Cortney Urban was named to the all-region third team.

Urban-Ingley led a Sea Gull defense that allowed only 15 goals in 20 games this season, posting 12 shutouts. She has nine goals, six assists and 24 total points in her four-year career.

Urban led the Gulls in scoring this season, notching 13 goals, five assists and 31 points. She finished third in scoring in the Capital Athletic Conference. In two seasons, she has 21 goals, eight assists and 50 points.

The teams were selected by voting among the coaches at the 48

schools in the Mid-Atlantic region. 11 players were named to each of the first, second and third teams.

**• Football**

**Royall earns postseason honors**  
SALISBURY — Senior free safety Travis Royall, a native of Forestville, Md. was selected for the 1997 *Football Gazette* South Region second team. A three-year starter for the team, Royall led the Gulls with 71 tackles and four interceptions this season.

Royall, over his four-year career, has amassed 218 tackles, six interceptions and 14 pass breakups. His 64-yard interception return against Ursinus in the opening week of the season was the second longest interception return for a touchdown in school history.

The award is the third of the year for Royall, who was named USA III Football national defensive player of the week on September 7 and awarded ECAC honor roll status the same week.

## SSU avenges loss to Lincoln from last year's championship game

**OPTIMIST**, from page 15

Lincoln triumphed last year with a 91-90 victory while SSU won the 1995 championship with a 108-95 victory over the Lions . . . In the consolation game on Saturday, before the

championship game, Shenandoah defeated Villa Julie 91-77 . . . The Gulls topped Villa Julie College Friday night 107-88 to advance to the championship game . . . Lincoln defeated Shenandoah 85-77 in their first round contest . . . All 14 of the players on the SSU roster played in the game while only 11 Lincoln players participated. Darrel Lewis played 37 minutes for the Lions. In two games Lewis had 61 points . . . The Sea Gulls outscored Lincoln 75-48 in the second half, shooting 28-48

(58%) from the field and 5-8 (62%) from three-point land.

### Schedule

Tuesday, December 9

- Women's Basketball at York College (6 p.m.)
- Men's Basketball at York College (8 p.m.)

\*Winter sports will resume their seasons after the beginning of the new year.



# Golf tips to improve your game and prevent injuries

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Golf is a challenging, skillful game developed after years of hard work, patience and practice. Mastering the golf swing is the most frustrating yet exciting component of this game. However, no matter how expensive the golf clubs are or the number of lessons a golfer has taken, if the body is not physically prepared for each round of golf, success will diminish and the probability of injury will increase.

Before hitting the fairway, consider that nearly 80 percent of all golfers will suffer an injury and that most golf-related injuries involve the back, according to NovaCare Outpatient Rehabilitation, one of the nation's leading providers of physical rehabilitation. The majority of injuries are due to swing faults, poor conditioning and loss of flexibility and strength. Research shows that during the golf swing the spine can experience pressure up to seven times of a person's

body weight.

The golf swing is controlled by the ability of the body's muscles, tissues and joints to respond to the mind. If muscles and joints are restricted, weak or injured, the swing will be affected. The result of this can mean injury, inconsistency, exaggerated swing faults and/or poor performance.

Golfers should develop warm-up and stretching routines to enhance their game and to improve consistency, prevent injury and to maintain a proper swing, balance and range of motion, advises Brenda Dipman, a licensed physical therapist with NovaCare's BacktoGolf program, a state-of-the-art sports medicine and swing enhancement program for golfers.

"Warming up increases heart



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rate, conditioning and the effectiveness of stretching. A golfer can warm up simply by walking quickly while carrying his or her golf bag from the practice field to the course or from the car to the practice field," said Dipman.

After a five-minute warm-up, a golfer should stretch a variety of muscle groups holding each stretch for 20 seconds. Stretches should be slow and steady without bouncing.

"Start stretching the body from top to bottom in order: neck, shoulders, trunk, hips, quadriceps, hamstrings and lower back," said Dipman.

A pre-game warm-up at the driving range should involve practicing the golf swing by working from low to

## Sea Gulls top Villa Julie

**BALDWIN**, from page 15

didn't shot well and didn't rebound."

The Sea Gulls shot a horrible 31 percent in the first half (10-32) The Yellow Jackets out rebounded the Gulls 49-34 as most of the boards came on the defensive side for Baldwin Wallace. The victory improved Baldwin Wallace's record to 3-1 while the loss drops the Sea Gulls to 1-4.

Sophomore Jill Trout led the Sea Gulls in scoring and had the high of the game with 21. Barfuss had 14 points and junior Amy Cooke scored 11 and dished out six assists. Freshman Lisa Neylan had 11 rebounds a game high.

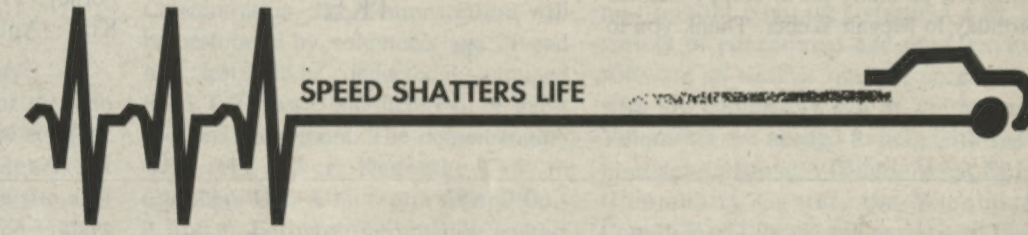
A problem for SSU was their transition game from offense to defense. "There was no communication. Our mistake was that we didn't talk to each other," said Benshetler.

Baldwin Wallace controlled the tempo of the game with their fast breaks and their relentless defense. "I was happy with our fast breaks. We have been working very hard on our press and fast breaks," said Baldwin Wallace head coach Cheri Harrer.

Both teams showed the depth of their teams as every player played for SSU and 16 players saw action for Baldwin Wallace. "I was real happy with our bench play. [Leann] Karl played and so did [Michele] Deshu and [Erica] Berndsen," Benshetler said.

SSU plays on the road at York College tonight at 6 p.m. "We must learn how to win on the road. We match-up well with York," Benshetler said. "We have to play our game. We'll see what we are made of."

**NOTES:** SSU has won the last three Salisbury Optimist Gull Classics . . . SSU defeated Villa Julie 90-41 on Sunday. Trout led the Sea Gulls with 13 points. Villa Julie's Heidi Moldenhauer had a game high 19 points . . . Baldwin Wallace defeated Villa Julie on Saturday 100-39 . . . The Yellow Jackets were a perfect 2-0 in the tournament giving them the championship. . . It was Baldwin Wallace's first ever appearance in the Gull Classic . . . Trout and Barfuss were named to the All-Tournament team for SSU. Moldenhauer of Villa Julie, Jen Swineheart and Shannon Anderson of Baldwin Wallace round out the All-tournament team . . . Swineheart was the MVP as she had 29 points in two games.



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## Alpha Sigma Tau ΑΣΤ

Hope everyone had a great semester. Beta Mu would like to congratulate their graduating seniors: Stephanie Anderson, Linda Barnes, Heather D'Avella, Amanda Potter and Michelle Thomas. Good luck to you guys, we will miss you. We would also like to congratulate Lori DeStwolinski for sister of the week. Good luck to everyone on finals and have a good Christmas and break!

## Delta Gamma ΔΓ

Delta Gamma would like to thank everyone who went to our banquet and helped make the night memorable. We would also like to remind everyone that there is only one week left in the semester, so study hard! Happy belated birthday to Megan Weber. Thank you to

Jen Hafeman and Becky Cheney for making our banquet the best that it could possibly be. Until next time...

## Greek Council

Everyone, remember about giving time for the Salvation Army. Holiday spirit has found Greek Council, so we are adopting a family for the holidays. Good luck on finals, and have a great winter break, SSU.

## Sigma Alpha Epsilon ΣΑΕ

Hope everyone is getting ready for those finals coming up. Congratulations to Smokey and Bruno on their positions. Next semester should be a good one

## Tau Kappa Epsilon ΤΚΕ

Uno has taken over the penmanship of this glorious forum. Jerky and Finster own TKE. TKE would like to congratulate the newest initiates Kenny and Eric. Brett, Finster and Uno would like to thank all the patrons of the Flying Club on Wednesday for a great evening. Nominees for frater of the semester are: Finster, Uno and Jerky. In the words of a great man, "Never pee into the wind."

## Zeta Tau Alpha ΖΤΑ

The ladies of ZTA would like to congratulate our new initiates: Kelly Drexel, Kimberly Housh, Michelle Mundo, Shelley Gerhard, Janet McDaniel, Jen Vonderfecht, Michelle Schenck, Angela Popowski and Ali Walmsley. We would also like to announce our new EC: President-Megan Forney, VPI-Kristine Kingsland, VPII-Kim Anderson, Secretary-Jamie

Chapman, Treasurer-Jenny Sleva, Historian-Kenna Brigham, Membership-Tara Chamberlain, Ritual-Kati Mayer and Panhellenic Delegate-Bianca Townsend. Good Luck to our graduating seniors: Angie Hurley and Gretchen Naugle. Good luck to everyone on finals! See you next semester!

The Ladies of Zeta Tau Alpha would like to announce the winners of the 1997-98 Mr. ZTA Pageant:

Ike Brooks  
Jason Lappen  
Nick Waldner

Thank you to all who participated. All proceeds were donated to our national philanthropy, the Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation.

# BRIEFLY STATED

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## America Reads Challenge

The Financial Aid Office seeks qualified student employees to provide educational and enrichment services to improve the reading skills of young children. The position requires enthusiastic and dedicated individuals who enjoy working with children. Students will be employed through the America Reads Challenge. Requirements: 1) You must demonstrate financial need, as determined by the federal government, from the results of FAFSA. 2) You must have a genuine interest in the welfare of young children. 3) You must be reliable and dependable. 4) You must be willing to follow the guidelines of the agency. 5) You must complete any required (paid) training. 6) You must have transportation to and from the assigned agency. 7) You must be enrolled in a degree program and be full time at SSU. If you are interested, please send a letter of interest to the Financial Aid Office.

Cycling Club meets each Monday at 8:30 p.m. in the Choptank Room. A \$50 deposit for the trip is required by December 19.

## Financial Aid Applications Now Available for 1998-99

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid for 1998-99 is now available in the Financial Aid Office, Powell Center, Room 125. If you are currently receiving financial assistance, including loans, you should be receiving a renewal form from the federal government. If you do not receive a renewal form by January 1, you can complete the regular FAFSA form in order to have it submitted to the processor by mid-January. Our office needs to receive the processed results by March 1, 1998 for priority funding. You are allowed to use estimated figures in order to apply early.

## Habitat for Humanity

What's up SSU? Thanks for all who helped this semester. But we're not done for the year. Watch this space for information about trips to the site next semester. Remember, we go on Fridays at 2:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. Good luck on finals, and have a good break.

## Maryland Daughters of American Revolution Scholarship

Applicants must be U.S. citizens. All applicants must obtain a letter of sponsorship from a local Daughters of American Revolution chapter. Scholarship applications must be submitted to chairman by February 1. Application requires recommendation from three references, a copy of birth certificate and official transcript of grades. Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office (Powell Center 125). Previous recipients must reapply each year.

## Cycling Club

The SSU Cycling Club is once again planning a trip to sunny Florida during winter break. The cost of the trip is \$175 and the dates are January 9-19, 1998. Participation is open to all faculty, staff and students. Everyone must have a bike, helmet and personal riding gear. After driving to Gainesville, Fla. the cycling begins and continues each day. Thirty to sixty mile routes are laid out for riding. Most of the accommodations will entail camping in state parks. Canoeing, swimming with manatee and sightseeing at Bush Gardens and Disney World are optional activities. The

## Outdoor Club

The Outdoor Club is heading to Canada this winter (Jan. 11 - 21) for their annual downhill and cross country ski trips. The price for room, board and transportation is \$280. Lift tickets and rentals are not included. To sign up, please attend our meeting on Monday at 9 p.m. in the Nanticoke Room. All are welcome. Spring semester's first meeting will be on Monday, February 2 at 9 p.m. in the Nanticoke Room.

## Safe Communities

SSU has been designated as the .08 drinking demonstration for the Eastern Shore. Hosting the event will be a collaborative effort between the Safe Communities Center and SSU Public Safety. The purpose for the demonstration will be to prove levels of impairment at a .08 Blood Alcohol Concentration. The demonstration will be performed by volunteers age 21 and over; tests will be conducted by a trained S.F.S.T. Trooper, and there will be guest speakers throughout. The demonstration will take place December 11 in Caruthers Hall Auditorium from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. For more information contact Pattiva McKean at (410) 543-6309.

## Thomanerchor

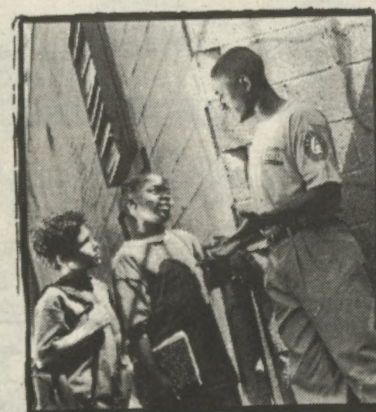
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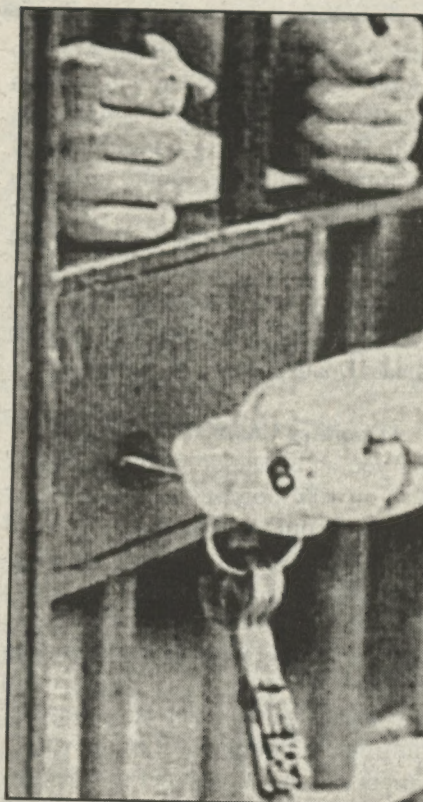


# CRIME BEAT

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Jim Phillips  
Director of Public Safety

**9/13 Sexual Assault** - A student reported that she was the victim of an acquaintance rape in a residence hall. The investigation is continuing.

**11/1 - 11/24 Telephone Misuse** - A resident of St. Martin Hall reported receiving several unwanted and annoying phone calls.

**11/14 - 11/21 Vandalism** - The Pepsi machine on the first floor of Wicomico Hall was damaged.

**11/21 Theft** - A smoke detector and an exit sign were reported stolen from the sixth floor of Chester Hall.

**11/21 - 11/22 Vandalism** - A resident of Chester Hall reported that a car was damaged while parked in the Devilbiss lot.

**11/22 Telephone Misuse** - A resident of Dogwood Village reported receiving several unwanted and annoying telephone calls.

**11/22 Alcohol Violation** - A resident of Nanticoke Hall was found in possession

of a beer at the Crossroads. Administrative action is pending.

**11/22 Alcohol Violation** - An underage resident of Choptank Hall was found in possession of a beer at the Crossroads. Administrative action is pending.

**11/22 Alcohol Violation** - An underage student was found in possession of a beer at the Crossroads. Administrative action is pending.

**11/22 Alcohol Violation** - An underage resident of St. Martin Hall was found in possession of a beer at the Crossroads. Administrative action is pending.

**11/22 Alcohol Violation** - Underage residents of Chester Hall and the International House were found in possession of a beer at the Crossroads. Administrative action is pending.

**11/22 Theft** - A Cushman vehicle was stolen from campus and recovered on Florida Ave.

**11/22 Vandalism/Alcohol Violation** - A resident of Pocomoke Hall damaged a

fire alarm box in Pocomoke Hall. The student is underage and was under the influence of alcohol. Administrative action is pending.

**11/22 - 11/23 Vandalism** - A Cushman vehicle was turned over on its side near the Physical Plant Building. The mirror was damaged.

**11/23 Sexual Assault** - A student reported that she was the victim of an acquaintance rape in a residence hall. The investigation is continuing.

**11/23 Alcohol Violation** - An underage non-student was found in possession of a beer at the Crossroads. A no-trespassing letter will be sent.

**11/23 Theft** - A Cushman vehicle was driven across campus by an unauthorized person and was damaged. It was recovered between Fulton and St. Martin Halls.

**11/23 Vandalism** - A Cushman vehicle was damaged while parked near the University Center.

**11/24 Vandalism** - A student reported that a car was damaged by the car door of another person. The suspect opened a car door and struck the victim's door. The suspect then drove away. The investigation is continuing.

**11/26 Theft** - Money was reported stolen from an office in Maggs Gym.

**11/26 Possession of Marijuana** - A small amount of suspected marijuana and a pipe were found in a room in Chester Hall. Administrative action is pending.

**12/1 Theft** - A resident of Chester Hall reported that a wallet and contents were stolen from an unlocked room in Chester Hall.

**12/2 Theft** - A resident of Nanticoke Hall attempted to leave Blackwell Library with materials that can't be checked out of the library. Administrative action and criminal charges are pending.

**12/3 Telephone Misuse** - A resident of Dogwood Village reported receiving several annoying and unwanted phone calls.

**12/4 Telephone Misuse** - A resident of Severn Hall reported receiving several annoying and unwanted phone calls.

**12/5 Attempted Vandalism** - A witness reported that three people attempted to turn over a Cushman near the Physical Plant Building. The witness yelled at the suspects and they ran from the area.

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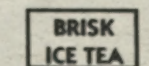
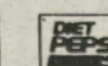
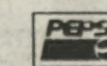
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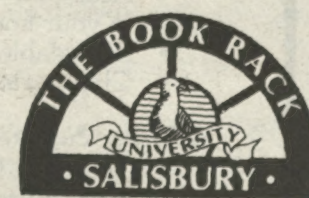
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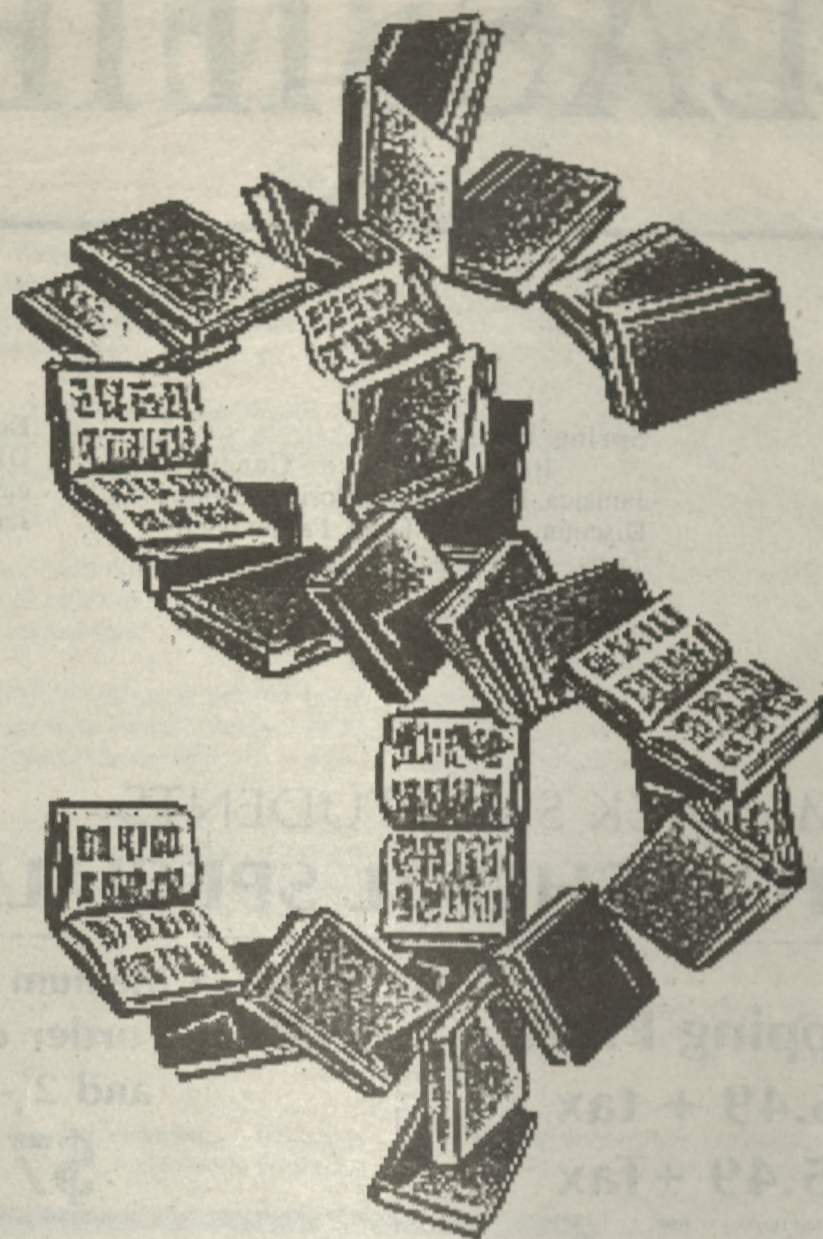


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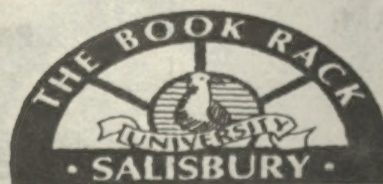
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